

Our Washington Correspondence.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 25, 1900.
The Recent Significant Movement in the Senate,
Relative to Cuba—What Does it Mean?—The
Milk in the Coconut.

The movement made in the Senate, a few days
ago by Mr. Mason, of Virginia, in relation to that
of the President's Message setting forth the
inquiries made to this government by England and
France, on the subject of Cuba, and the position
at which Germany stands in relation to the same,

He created some sensation here. I suppose you know the way it was done, as well as the result of it? Without possessing the faculty of seeing through a mill-stone further than other folk, I can take a squint through the eye of this. The principal report in the *Globe*, gives the substance of the remarks made by the Senators who participated in the discussion, which has been laid over until the 14th of January, when Mr. Waller will, probably lead off. The question was sprung so unexpectedly on the Senate, that everybody, except the two movers in it, were taken entirely by surprise. Mr. Sumner had evidently conferred only with General Cass, for his remarks were carefully prepared, and when he had concluded General Cass took out of his drawer his speech, which he had carefully cut and dried there, and followed in support of Mr. Weller's movement, while astonishment seemed the prevailing feeling among the other members, none of whom appeared to be in the secret. From the hearing of General Cass's speech, any person at the time would suppose that he had spoke as the precursor of the moment, but the production of the previously prepared manuscript, satisfied all present of the privacy between the main movers in this matter.

defence impd in such a manoeuvre; the instance of the movement being evidently such as authorize, at least, consultation with leading members of the party. Their remarks, as well the checkmate given to Mr. Mason's propoition force a vote, sufficiently prove. The running commentaries on the course adopted throw much light on this subject.

Now you naturally will ask what does this mean? at us attempt an interpretation.

There are three among the knowing ones here, in our political circles, who design at a reason for the meet with which the movement seems to have on prepared by the gentlemen who initiated it, a gathering, at this moment, in the neighborhood of Boston of some of the most eminent members of a democratic party, who are to meet in council, to deliberate under the eyes and supervision of the President, on the desperate out of state. It might be proper to form a cabinet; It is barely possible that Mr. Mason's remarks in the Senate, yesterday, may have been directed to wards affording a deliberation in progress by a proclamation of the President, to the effect that the President, from opinions said to have been laid out, not

General Cass, who has resigned his hopes of strong support from the friends of the cabinet, is now in the hands of the now ascertained intentions of the cabinet. So far as the compilation of the exhibit is concerned, has been induced to make a demonstration, might prompt the elevation of Mr. Mason to the cabinet, and the appointment of Mr. Adams might not be aware of the plans and purposes of his cabinet, the probable contrivance of the movement.

General Cass may desire such a thing, but if he is not to be promoted, it is expected, will be one of the good fruits of the present administration. For he knows better than General Cass that the practice of Mr. Mason in that cabinet, and his somewhat retrograde conservatism, would introduce a new element into the cabinet, and would render the old strategical manœuvre of introducing to his own liking, should any removal of the cabinet ever take place. But the present administration has also had something to do with this. It has been a long time since General Cass has discovered that he has not made much capital by the publication and the disclosures in the cabinet correspondence, and by his strange airs.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 27, 1863.

Lighthouse Inspectors Appointed—Burling's Straits—
General Hiram Wallbridge—Leland Brothers—
The Metropolitan of San Francisco—E. R. Robinson.

The twelve Lighthouse Inspectors, under the new law creating the Lighthouse Board, have just been appointed, and ordered to report for duty. Issued on the names of the six officers of the army, and six of the navy, with the districts to which they have been assigned:—

Navy Officers

Captain John D. Downes.....	Head in Lighthouse District.
Captain J. A. B. Smith.....	Florida do.
Capt. S. R. Smith.....	New York do.
Capt. Kellifer.....	Danvers Bay do.
Capt. A. A. B. Smith.....	St. John's, Norfolk Co., do.
Capt. M. Hunt.....	Texas and Louisiana.

Army Officers

Capt. Franklin.....	Temperance corps, coast of Maine.
Capt. Woodbury.....	Engineer corps, South Carolina and coast.
Capt. Leadbetter.....	Engineer corps, Mobile.
Capt. Sprague.....	Topographical corps, Northwestern New York.
Capt. Woods.....	Topographical corps, Buffalo and Indian Hall.
Capt. Hallett.....	Engineer corps, California and Oregon.

Capt. Burling's appointment to the New York district will give satisfaction, if capacity, integrity, and

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